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CHINESE FARMERS SELL WINTER WHEAT

GOOD HARVEST IN TURFAN BASIN -- Tientsin, Ta Kung Pao, 21 Jun 53

In the Turfan Basin of Sinkiang the wheat harvest was, in general, very good. Production in 1953 in Turfan, T'o-k'o-hsun, and Shan-shan hsiens, averaged 200 catties per mou, about 20 datties more than in 1952. In Shan-shan Hsien one mutual aid team harvested 3 mou that averaged 800 catties per mou.

WHEAT HARVEST IN VARIOUS PROVINCES -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 20 Jun 53

Kiangsu had 60 percent of a full wheat crop while Shansi had 80 percent. In Hopeh the irrigated land yielded a normal crop. Chekiang, Fukien, and Yunnan enjoyed more than 10 percent increase over 1952. In nondisaster areas Honan produced 10-20 percent more than 1952 while Kwantung had 20 percent more. In the more important wheat sections of Hupeh, 20-30-percent more was produced than in 1952.

GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS WHEAT PRICE -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 13 Jun 53

The government has maintained a good purchasing price for the wheat. In some places where grain was to be purchased the price was prominently displayed to prevent any lowering of the market rate. The farmers were very happy about this.

A government directive urged the establishment of many wheat purchasing centers. In Honan Province, the cooperatives and the National Food Products Company maintained 1,300 wheat purchasing centers.

Granaries were made ready in Shantung province, each special administrative district and hsien repaired the disinfected the buildings to make ready for the storing of the new wheat.

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